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House Bill _____
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Senate No. SB0464
By Atchley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, and to enact the "1995 Tennessee Welfare Reform Act".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The title of this act is and may be cited as the "1995 Tennessee Welfare Reform Act".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-3-124(e), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety, and by substituting instead the following language:

(1) As a condition of eligibility for consideration of the caretaker relative in the request for assistance under the aid to families with dependent children (AFDC) program, each applicant for or recipient of benefits under this program shall provide to the department and its Title IV-D contractors information:

(A) Identifying and locating the parent of a child for whom aid is claimed;

and

(B) Establishing the paternity of a child born out of wedlock for whom aid is claimed.

Each such applicant shall also cooperate (unless good cause not to cooperate is shown to exist in accordance with 45 Code of Federal Regulations Sections 232.40 through 232.49 as they may be amended) with the department and its Title IV-D contractors in:

(A) Obtaining support payments for the applicant or recipient and for a child for whom aid is claimed; and

(B) Obtaining any other payments or property due the applicant or recipient of the child.

SECTION 3. If any of the provisions of this act cannot be implemented without jeopardizing any of the state's federal funds, then the department of health is hereby directed to prepare and submit a waiver to the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services to effectuate the effect and intent of this act.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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